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*Amendments*

*In the Specification:*

Please substitute the following paragraphs/sections for the pending paragraphs/sections.

Substitute the paragraph beginning on page 1, line 15, with the following paragraph:

HA and its salts can be isolated from many sources including human umbilical cord, rooster combs and nearly all connective matrices of vertebrate organisms. HA is also a capsular component of bacteria such as Streptococci; it may therefore also be obtained by fermentation methods. For example, the present applicant's US Patent No 5,411,874 describes a method for producing hyaluronic acid by continuous fermentation of Streptococcus equi.